

Oregon Resource Conservation & Development Councils

Building rural community sustainability by conserving & developing natural resources

USDA's Role in Resource Conservation & Development

The RC&D program began in 1964 with a firm commitment to rely on and develop local leadership in rural America. The results have been one of the greatest success stories in government. USDA provides technical and financial assistance to state and local units of government and nonprofit organizations in rural areas to help conserve natural resources and develop sustainable communities. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) facilitates and administers the RC&D program while program implementation is led by local volunteers.

A Unique Public/Private Partnership

The RC&D Program is based on a number of concepts that make it a truly unique government program. These concepts include:

- Achieving a balance between rural economic development and natural resource protection to build sustainable communities.
- Using the value of grassroots involvement in making decisions about local areas.
- Bringing the resources of USDA agencies together to focus on locally identified problems and opportunities.
- Leveraging limited federal dollars with private funds to accomplish locally developed goals.

How RC&D Operates

RC&D Councils foster locally led decision making to address natural resource and rural economic development problems in multi-county areas. Each RC&D area is governed by a Board of Directors called the "council." Councils are comprised of representatives from tribal and local governments, nonprofits, and other community leaders. The councils are locally led non-profit, 501(c)(3) organizations. The role of the

council is to identify the area's needs and issues and then set goals to develop and carry out the solutions through a long-range area plan.

Nationwide, 375 councils have been authorized by the Secretary of Agriculture. Oregon has six authorized RC&D areas, as well as two councils which

have applied to USDA for authorization. USDA provides each authorized council with a coordinator to assist in implementing the area plan. Many councils hire additional staff to provide services that include project development, group facilitation, funding strategy development, grant writing, and fiscal management support.

Each council develops a long range area plan and then initiates and directs the process of planning RC&D projects to accomplish the plan goals. Technical assistance may come from federal agencies, state and local governments, local conservation districts or other partners, private industry and volunteers. Councils finance their activities through member assessments, grants, cost-share agreements, donations, private foundations, and other state and federal agencies.

Projects

Council activities are initiated and directed at the local level by more than 300 volunteers in Oregon. The councils in Oregon undertake as many as 50 projects each year. Typical projects are:

- Regional or multi-jurisdictional in scope;
- Innovative approaches resulting in rural community sustainability;
- Implemented through partnerships; and
- Supported through diverse combinations of financial and technical resources.

Making Things Happen

Oregon RC&D Council efforts have improved the ability of rural communities to build sustainable communities by conserving natural resources. Councils leverage USDA program dollars with local, state, and federal external grants in support of locally led projects.

The following pages provide highlights of current projects and recent success stories for each council in Oregon. More specific information about projects and members may be requested from each council.

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Cascade Pacific Resource Conservation & Development Council

- 6 Counties:** Benton, Lane, Lincoln, Linn, Marion, Polk
- Members:**
- 5 County Commissions
 - 7 SWCDs
 - 5 Watershed Councils
 - 1 Tribal Council
 - 1 Council of Government
 - 3 Cities
 - 4 Non-profits
 - 1 Improvement District
 - 8 Businesses
 - 6 Individuals
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- Current Focus:** Water quality and fish and wildlife habitat, sustainable agriculture and forestry, community development.

MISSION

To work with citizens of rural communities to enhance their quality of life through social, economic and environmental improvements.

GOALS

- Improve water quality and flood plain function and conserve critical fish and wildlife habitat in Oregon's watersheds.
- Support agriculture and forestry management that is ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially responsible.
- Improve the development of resource based industries, provide for adequate health and communications facilities, develop rural waste water systems and improve recreational facilities.



Creation of 86-acre tidal wetland.

Cascade Pacific RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
NW Oregon Invasive Weed Management Partnership Develop public/private partnership to oversee weed management in northwestern Oregon by establishing locally driven Weed Management Areas (WMAs) provide coordination and capacity at the local level.	\$254,200 Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board (OWEB), Bureau of Land Management (BLM), US Forest Service, National Fish and Wildlife Foundation, and landowners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed Partnership Strategic Plan. • Established 3 WMAs. • Developed action plans for each WMA. • Conducted education/outreach program. • Developed and funded regional Japanese Knotweed project.
Willamette River Floodplain Restoration Construct demonstration floodplain restoration projects.	\$450,000 OWEB, USDA Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP), Sam Daw's District Improvement Company.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Design and installation of 13 log jams, and 75 acres of riparian plantings under CREP.
Coastal Initiative I & II Cooperative agreement with US Forest Service to foster partnerships, develop, implement and administer restoration projects in the Oregon Coast Range.	\$444,654 Siuslaw National Forest, NRCS programs, and landowners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 projects installed to improve coho runs and implement the Oregon Plan for Salmon and Watersheds.
McKenzie Watershed Council Support	\$220,520 Bonneville Power Administration (BPA), OWEB, EWEB, BLM, US Forest Service, Cities of Eugene and Springfield, and landowners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed study, assessment, action plan, teacher workshops, signage, and restoration projects.
Watershed Council Support Provide fiscal management for the activities of local watershed councils.	\$676,675 OWEB, US Forest Service, ODF&W, McKenzie River Trust, and local businesses and landowners.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Watershed coordination, water monitoring, project design and implementation, assessment, training, education.



Willamette Floodplain Restoration-Before

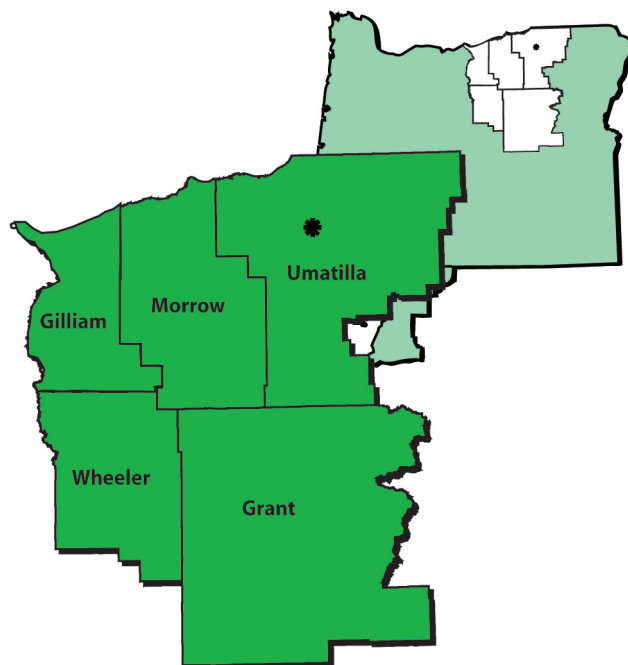


Willamette Floodplain Restoration-After



Columbia-Blue Mountain Resource Conservation & Development Council

- 5 Counties:** Gilliam, Grant, Morrow, Umatilla, Wheeler
- Members:** 5 County Commissions
6 SWCDs
2 Port Commissions
2 At-Large Members
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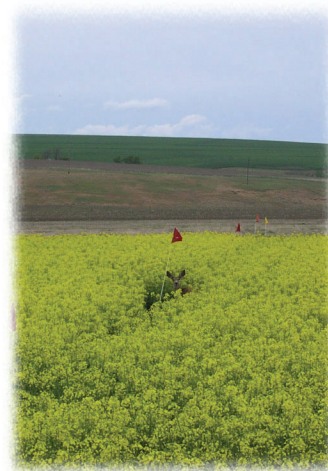


MISSION

Provide assistance for improvement of the ecosystem, the economy and standard of living in harmony with the development and utilization of natural resources within the Columbia-Blue Mountain RC&D area.


GOALS

- A diversified, stable economy that includes alternative crops, value-added products and sound agricultural research that results in increased employment.
- Efficient, locally-driven water resources programs that address water quantity and water quality concerns.
- Rural communities that have the facilities and capacity for a sustained quality of life.
- Raise the knowledge level and personal responsibility of the public about noxious weeds and invasive plants to a level that enhances local weed control efforts.
- Healthy forests and rangelands with reduced fire hazards and sustainable uses.



A deer roams a canola field, a good alternative crop in the arid climate of eastern Oregon.

Columbia-Blue Mountain RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Projects</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
CAFO/AFO Water Quality Project Project involves forming agreements with 15 landowners and assisting them with water quality controls on their confined feeding areas.	\$280,000 Funding Sources: Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) / Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) Section 319, SWCD, landowners, NRCS, and other state funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fifteen stream reaches with improved water quality. • Fifteen demonstration sites for landowners. • Established photo points for monitoring.
Noxious Weeds Public Affairs Inform the public of the effects noxious weeds have on their lives and their responsibilities for control; generate more support for noxious weed prevention and control.	\$263,000 Funding sources: Foundation and private grants, State of Oregon, NRCS and other federal funds, and volunteer services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • State cartoon mascot "Hitch Hikin' Spike" created. • Information products-TV Public Service Announcements, radio spots, billboard displays, road signs, annual event program, "HHS" costume, placemats, stickers, etc. • Web site www.oregonweeds.org • Concept included in State Strategic Plan. • Improved public awareness and concern.
		
Agricultural Products Marketing & Feasibility Working with grain and canola growers to find a niche market that results in an increase to 30,000 acres of canola or mustard within the OR Columbia Basin.	\$66,000 Funding Sources: State economic development funds, grower contributions, and NRCS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Feasibility analysis complete. • Niche markets identified. • Potential for oil seed crushing plant determined.
John Day Subbasin Management Plan Development of a management plan for the John Day Subbasin of the Columbia River Basin. Plan to include inventory, assessment, and management plan according to NPCC guidelines.	\$277,000 Funding Sources: Northwest Power Conservation Council (NPCC), NRCS, stakeholder in-kind services.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Inventory, assessment and management plan completed. • Tool created for determining fish and wildlife funding priorities. • Local buy-in and ownership to the plan.
Natural Resources Information Packet Creation of a packet with resource information people need to know about the place they live, including natural resource health and quality of life issues.	\$27,500 Funding Sources: EPA, Wildhorse Foundation, NRCS, and local funds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A pilot information packet has been produced. • A distribution plan has been established.



Northwest Oregon Resource Conservation & Development Council

7 Counties: Clackamas, Clatsop, Columbia,
Multnomah, Tillamook,
Washington, Yamhill

Members: 6 County Commissions
8 SWCDs
2 Public Utility Districts
1 City Water & Light
1 At-Large Member

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MISSION

To provide the vehicle for individuals, groups, and agencies to participate in the management, development, and conservation of natural and human resources to improve the economy, enhance the environment, and improve the life of the people in the Northwest Oregon RC&D area.

GOALS

- Sustain a viable forest ecosystem.
- Sustain water distribution to provide quality water in quantities necessary to meet the needs of the RC&D area.
- Protect and enhance soil resources.
- Promote wise stewardship of land resources.
- Improve local economies while enhancing quality of life.



Mike Mouser, Clackamas County Fish Passage Program Coordinator, and Dave Dickens RC&D Coordinator (retired), stand at the sign identifying the site as one of 65 completed fish passage enhancement projects.

Northwest Oregon RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
Weinert Channel Stream bank erosion caused by flooding changed the course of the river, putting the main power transmission lines/poles that serve the county in the middle of the stream and in danger of collapsing.	\$104,180 RC&D staff and council members, citizens, Pacific Power & Light, Clatsop County, Oregon Department of Fish & Wildlife, NRCS, Division of State Lands, InterFluve, Army Corps of Engineers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering designs completed to stabilize the channel. Permit process completed. CRMP on site. • Power company installed new power poles.
ArchCape Drain Restoration Stream bank erosion and channel restoration needed.	\$4,984 RC&D staff and council members, NRCS, Oregon State Parks, citizens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering design for culvert completed.
Friends of Fox Creek Irrigation-Columbia Co. Years ago the entire Fox Creek was culverted. The Friends of Fox Creek requested assistance to re-open several portions of the creek channel.	\$4,574 RC&D staff and council members, private citizens, NRCS.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering design completed, drip irrigation system installed to assure growth of critical area plantings.
McCormick Park Bridge Handicap access to McCormick Park is needed.	\$1,004 RC&D staff and council members, NRCS, Columbia County SWCD, City of St. Helens.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Handicap accessible foot bridge installed. • Park access for handicapped achieved.
Columbia County 911 Communications The emergency radio system used by the Columbia County police, fire and emergency medical responders needs to be replaced.	\$2,023,616 RC&D staff, Mist/Birkenfeld, Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainer, St. Helens, Scappoose Fire Districts and Depts., Scappoose, Vernonia, Clatskanie, Rainer, St. Helens, Columbia City Police Depts, Oregon State Police, Columbia Co. Sheriff, Columbia 911 Communications Dist., Columbia Co. Commissioners, local residents.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured grants to implement the project. • Formed CRMP with all parties and miscellaneous federal agencies.
Crown Hill Hydroelectric Landowner wants to develop a hydroelectric operation as a source of electricity.	\$142,777 RC&D staff, private citizens, NRCS, ODFW, Oregon Water Resources Board, DEQ, Oregon Department of Energy, Bonneville Power Administration, McMinnville Power & Light.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Engineering design complete, permits secured, funding sources located, water lines buried, hydroelectric plant operational.
Watershed Feasibility Study The Tillamook Bay Watershed needs a complete study of the area.	\$4,351,431 RC&D staff and council, private citizens, Tillamook Co. SWCD, Tillamook Co. Commissioners, Tillamook Flood Group, Tillamook Bay Watershed Council, Oregon Economical Development Council, Army Corps of Engineers, Tillamook County.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Geology of the area, elevations, surveys completed. • Study completed.
EPA Grant Assistance Tillamook SWCD requested assistance with EPA grant application for implementing the Tillamook Bay National Estuary Program.	\$6,080 RC&D staff and council, Tillamook Co. SWCD, private citizens, EPA.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Grant application completed and processed.



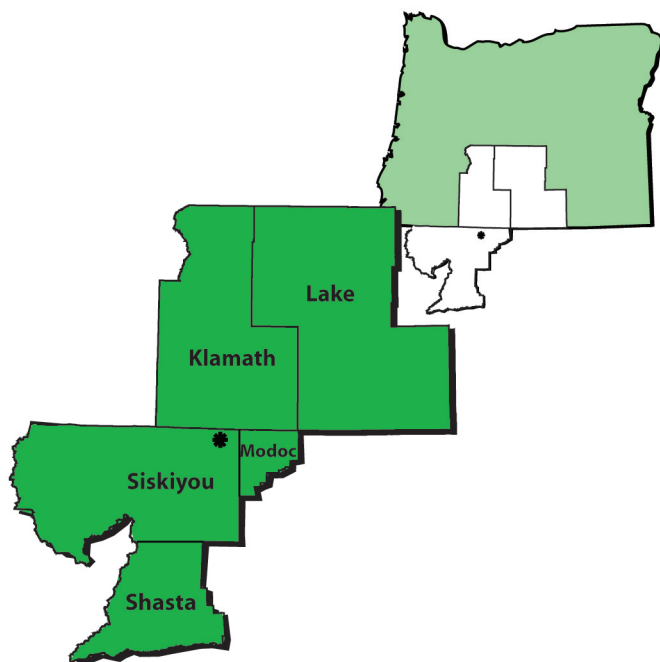
ORE-CAL Resource Conservation & Development Council

5 Counties: Klamath, Lake, Siskiyou,
and portions of Shasta and Modoc

Members: 4 Counties
3 SWCDs
2 Tribal Councils
7 Cities & 3 Chambers
1 Library/Museum Board
2 Service Districts
3 Economic Development Assoc.
2 Health Services
7 Non-profits & 2 Private
9 Ambulance/Fire Protection Dist.

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MISSION

To encourage economic diversity and community prosperity through conservation, promotion and development of the continued and sustainable wise use of natural resources.

GOALS

- Promote activities that ensure that the water quality and water quantity needs for all resource uses within the RC&D area are met.
- Encourage wise use and sustainability of productive farmland and grazing land.
- Promote sustained yield and multiple use of the timber resources.
- Promote the control of noxious weeds as identified by the five counties in order to improve economic returns, reduce soil erosion, and improve water quality.
- Support visitor recreation development.
- Support efforts that maximize the utility of existing transportation systems.
- Support the development of community services.
- Assist communities to evaluate, plan and develop improved and enhanced sewer and water capacities.
- Promote accessible education for all members of communities within the RC&D area.
- Assist efforts to maximize utilization of natural resources and promote value-added goods and services.
- Support establishment of and/or improvements to accessible libraries, including facilities, equipment, materials and staff.
- Promote the cultural and historical identities of communities through establishment of museums, historic sites, and buildings.
- Formulate a plan to inform the public about ORE-CAL RC&D activities, plans, and programs.

ORE-CAL RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
 Lake County Watershed Coordinator	\$240,000 Funding Sources: OR Watershed Enhancement Board	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watershed Coordinator to assist communities.
Volcanic Legacy Scenic Byway/All American Road Development	\$550,000 Funding Sources: US Forest Service, private funders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Designation and development of All American Road.
Northern California Media Package	\$30,000 Funding Sources: US Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Produce National Writer's Conference handouts.
Butte Valley Biomass Waste Utilization Feasibility Study	\$32,000 Funding Sources: US Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Study feasibility site for development.
Carbon Sequestration/Biomass Energy Utilization Conference Series	\$210,000 Funding Sources: US Forest Service, NRCS, Dept of Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Presented educational workshops throughout California.
Salmon River Economic Recovery	\$10,000 Funding Sources: US Forest Service	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop CAP and economic
Dorris Community Garden	\$17,000 Funding Sources: Private	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Community development and education project.
Klamath Co. Fire Dept. Equipment Storage	\$12,100 Funding Sources: Jeld Wen	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of emergency equipment storage building.
Board Leadership Training	\$21,467 Funding Sources: US Forest Service, PacifiCorp	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Workshop to develop leadership.
Economic Diversification Implementation	\$49,000 Funding Sources: US Forest Service, NRCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Development and implementation of work plans and staff funding.
Emergency Generator	\$16,500 Funding Sources: Ben Cheney Foundation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Replace generator in fire protection district.
Development of Education and Information Program	\$36,500 Funding Sources: NRCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Develop educational activities to further conservation or resources
Work Plan for Klamath Basin	\$38,610 Funding Sources: NRCS	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Outreach work to develop a strategic plan.



Southwest Oregon Resource Conservation & Development Council

5 Counties: Coos, Curry, Douglas, Jackson, Josephine

Members: 5 County Commissions
7 SWCDs
4 Watershed Councils
1 Water Commission
1 Port
4 Non-profits

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Current Focus: Watershed health and stewardship, natural resource planning and coordination, historic preservation, community development, and capacity building.



MISSION

To encourage the development of healthy communities by developing local capacity to identify opportunities, by facilitating partnerships, and by promoting consideration of natural resources in rural and economic development.

GOALS

- To enhance and develop regional water resources for multiple uses.
- To promote wise land use and conservation.
- To promote sustainable multiple-use forests and support employment opportunities.
- To improve the quality of life and social well-being in rural communities.
- To develop an effective organization, recognized as a resource for rural communities.



Grants Pass Boys and Girls Club building trails at Golden Coyote Wetlands.

Southwest Oregon RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
Small Diameter Timber Utilization & Marketing An advisory group was created to discuss the dilemma of getting small diameter material out of the woods for forest health and to reduce wild-fire danger. A grant is paying for the creation of a clearinghouse and marketing project.	\$153,000 Advisory group members include representatives from logging industry, Small Woodland Owner's Association, federal timber managers, Oregon Dept of Forestry, and other local businesses and professionals.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An advisory group has been formed. • Secured grant for \$84,817 from National Fire Plan. • Project is in implementation stages.
Stabilization, Preservation and Interpretation of Historic Golden and Coyote Wetlands Work is being coordinated to stabilize and interpret this ghost town. The heavily mined area is being restored, and a plan is being developed for its interpretation and increased recreational use.	\$94,250 NRCS, Golden Coyote Wetlands Inc, Medford District BLM, University of Oregon, Boy Scout Troops 23 & 74, community volunteers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Listed on National Register of Historic Places. • Safety, historic stabilization, and beautification activities completed. • More than 8,000 hours of volunteer service have been given to project. • Five Eagle Scout projects completed. • Constructed trail and bench.
Watershed Friendly Stewardship Awards program developed to give credit to land managers who are doing a good job and to provide a demonstration to the public of the appearance of good land stewardship.	\$26,400 Soil and Water Conservation Districts, NRCS, Oregon Department of Agriculture, Oregon Watershed Enhancement Board.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Awards and signs have been presented to 53 land managers in 5 counties. • Received the Governor's Spirit of Oregon Plan Leadership Award.
Rural Community Support Facilitation, conflict resolution, organizational development, coalition building and planning assistance are provided to council members and rural organizations.	\$6,200 Seven Basins Watershed Council, Applegate Partnership, Applegate Community Forum, Multicultural Association of Southern Oregon, Josephine SWCD.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eleven meetings/workshops were facilitated for rural groups resulting in: conflict resolution process, planning and goal setting, organizational development, and outreach to disadvantaged youth.

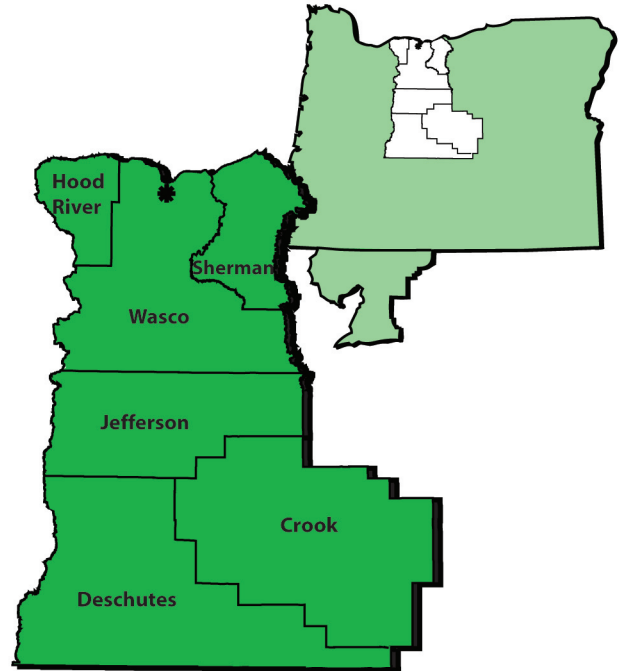


Evaluation of a dairy for the Watershed Friendly Stewardship Program.



Wy'East Resource Conservation & Development Council

- 6 Counties:** Crook, Deschutes, Hood River, Jefferson, Sherman, Wasco
- Sponsors:** 6 SWCDs
5 County Commissions
1 City
1 Council of Governments
1 Tribal Government
1 Non-profit
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- Current Focus:** Value-added agriculture, alternative energy, developing partnerships.



MISSION

Build partnerships between local groups to accelerate the conservation and development of natural resources and create sustainable communities in north central Oregon.

GOALS

- Accelerate watershed health by building locally led conservation partnerships.
- Initiate market-based conservation incentives that add value to agriculture products.



Riparian planting that will also be used to sequester carbon.



Weather stations have proven to be very useful in tree fruit production in Wasco County.

Wy'East RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
IFPnet Establish a network of remote weather stations in orchards throughout Wasco County to reduce organophosphate pesticide use and contamination of local waterways.	\$670,000 Bonneville Power Admin, OR Watershed Enhancement Board, OR DEQ, Wasco Co. PUD, Wasco Co. Fruit and Produce League, area orchard growers, Wasco Co. SWCD, NRCS, Army Corps of Engineers.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 47 weather stations are installed and reporting climate conditions every 15 minutes. • Orchard growers are adopting eliminating organophosphate pesticides from their management practices. • The website is functioning and consistently being used by growers. • The network is expanding in 2004 to nearby Hood River.
Deschutes Riparian Restoration A project to sequester carbon by planting trees and shrubs in riparian areas. Enrollees are also eligible for Continuous Conservation Reserve Program (CRP) and Conservation Reserve Enhancement Program (CREP) funds.	\$1.5 million Partnerships with the Deschutes Resources Conservancy and the Climate Trust.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 250 acres of riparian area are planted and currently sequestering carbon.
Subbasin Planning Create subbasin plans for the Deschutes and Fifteenmile River Basins to outline restoration priorities for the future.	\$77,500 Bonneville Power Administration, Deschutes Resources Conservancy, local SWCDs and watershed councils, federal agencies, and other local stakeholders.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Two coordinating groups are meeting monthly to work on subbasin plans. • Wy'East provides outreach assistance for both coordinating groups. • Plans will be complete by May 2004 and guide regional funding of conservation projects in the future.
Grant Writing Workshop Sponsor a grant writing workshop by Community Systems to increase the capacity of the local agencies.	\$19,500 Community Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Workshop held in Sunriver November 3-6, 2003.
Irrigation Water Management Determine water use in cherry orchards to increase irrigation efficiency.	\$80,000 Oregon State University, The Dalles Irrigation District	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Soil-moisture monitoring system installed in 4 demonstration plots. • Monitors will produce graphs of soil moisture at multiple depths to determine usage.
McElheran Biomass Generation Build facility to process mustard into biodiesel for on-farm use.	\$404,520 Oregon State University Extension	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project is currently in planning stages. Applications for funding have been made.
Summit Ridge Wind Farm Develop wind energy generation facility on landowner property in Wasco County.	\$85,000 Oregon Department of Energy, local landowners, USDA	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Applications for funding have been made. • Summit Ridge landowners received one of USDA's "Value Added Producer Grants."

Southeast Oregon Resource Conservation & Development Council

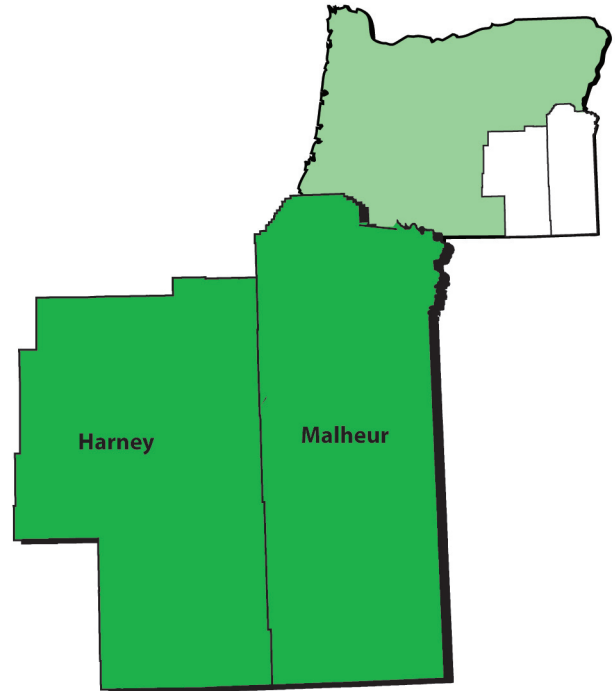
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Members: 2 SWCDs
2 Watershed Councils
2 County Governments

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Current Focus:
Community development, water management, land conservation and management.



MISSION

Proactively conserve, develop, and promote responsible stewardship of the natural and economic resources through a network of local partnerships that ensure viable communities in southeast Oregon.

GOALS

- Initiate area-wide coordinated planning effort to increase utilization of basin resources.
- Increase engineering assistance and availability to assist with project development related to all areas of community development, including infrastructure, conservation, natural gas, railroads, and other transportation.
- Develop infrastructure within the region to support efforts in increasing community sustainability.
- Increase agricultural marketing opportunities in the region.



Eagle Cap Resource Conservation & Development Council

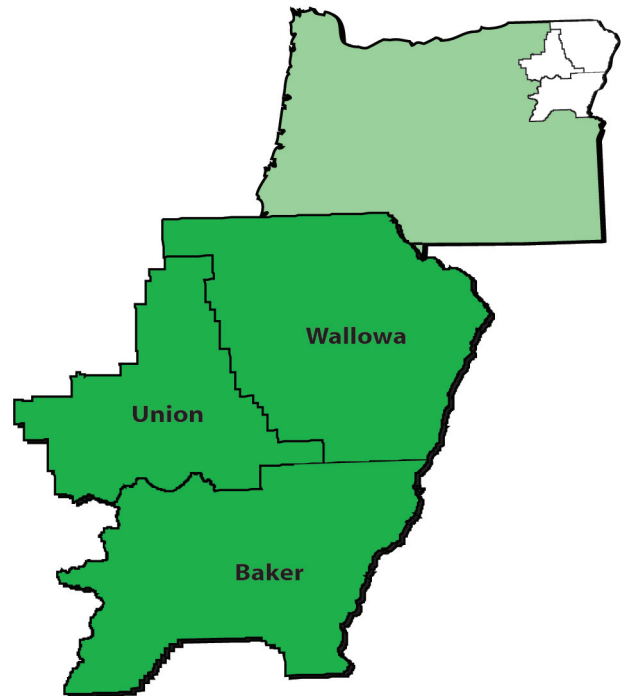
3 Counties: Baker, Union, Wallowa

Members: Currently seeking members,
participants include:
5 SWCDs
3 County Governments
2 Irrigation Districts
2 Cities

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Current Focus:
Noxious weeds public affairs, local business develop-
ment, water quality, quantity and availability.



MISSION

To assist people and organizations in Baker, Union, and Wallowa counties via community-based partnerships and networks for the benefit of present and future generations.

GOALS

- Expand local business and develop new business opportunities to boost the area economy.
- Develop infrastructure in rural areas to support efforts in increasing community sustainability.
- Improve natural resources in the area.
- Enhance the urban interface with rural areas.
- Increase the natural resources education of the public.



Ponds on crop fields next to Ladd Marsh in Union county.

Southeast Oregon RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
Juniper Workshop Look at value-added opportunities for juniper and bring together landowners and business owners.	US Bank-Burns Branch, Burns Saw Shop, First Bank-Ontario Branch, Pine Pride-Payette, ID, Holiday Inn Ontario	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Two workshops were held in December, both with more attendants than expected.
Council Authorization Each RC&D Council must be authorized by the US Secretary of Agriculture to receive federal technical and financial assistance.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial applications submitted in 2002; currently in process of updating information for 2003-2004.
Non-profit Status Councils apply for non-profit status through the state of Oregon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-profit status has been received.

Eagle Cap RC&D Project Highlights

<u>Project</u>	<u>Resources</u>	<u>Results</u>
Council Authorization Each RC&D Council must be authorized by the US Secretary of Agriculture to receive federal technical and financial assistance.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Initial applications submitted in 2002; currently in process of updating information for 2003-2004.
Non-profit Status Councils apply for non-profit status through the state of Oregon.		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Non-profit status has been received.
Noxious Weed Public Affairs Work with Columbia-Blue Mount RC&D in expanding their campaign into Northeastern Oregon.	Donated materials, volunteer services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Distributed hats, stickers, road signs. Promoted www.oregonweeds.org improving public awareness and concern.
501(c)(3) Tax Exemption Council applies to the Federal Internal Revenue Service for tax exemption and recognition of non-profit status.	NRCS, volunteer services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Application has been submitted.
Council Website Develop a comprehensive website for council members and the general public to access that provides RC&D information	NRCS, volunteer services, PacRim Association of RC&Ds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The website is available and updated frequently at: www.pacrimrcd.org - select Oregon RC&Ds under Members.